

No. L. 1014—L. B. 9-24-133, dated 13th August 1925.

Under Rule 22 of the Village Panchayet Election Rules, 1918, the term of the Belvadi Village Panchayet in the Arkalgud Taluk is, pending its reconstitution extended till the end of December 1925.

No. L. 1088—L. B. 52-25-16, dated 15th August 1925.

Under Rule 3 of the rules issued with Government Notification No. R. 7559—L. B. 54-15-1, dated the 18th December 1918, Government are pleased to direct that the term of all the existing Taluk Boards in the State except that of the Taluk Boards of Seringapatam and Nagamangala in the Mysore District, be extended by six months from the date of the expiry of the term in each case.

By Order,
B. NAGAPPA,

Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE.

Miscellaneous No. 328—33, dated 30th July 1925.

Notice is hereby given under Section 62 of the Mysore Municipal Regulation of 1906, to the inhabitants of the Bangalore City Municipality, that the Municipal Council shall impose the following enhanced taxes and toll, sanctioned by Government in their Order No. L. 509-512—Ml. 127-23-13, dated 22nd—23rd July 1925, with effect from the dates noted against them:—

Name of tax	Existing rate	Sanctioned rate	Date from which to be levied
1. Water tax.—			
(a) On buildings	3% on their rental value.	4½% on their rental value.	1st October 1925
(b) On vacant sites	3/5% of the building tax.	1% of the building tax.	Do
(c) On buildings used as shops and mandies	1% on the rental value.	3% on the rental value.	Do
2. Tax on vacant sites	4 annas per 100 sq. yds.	8 annas per 100 sq. yds.	Do
3. Toll on vehicles and animals.—			
(1) On every jutka or cart drawn by men, bulis, bullocks, horses, asses or mules (laden)	2 annas	4 annas	1st September 1925
(2) Do do (unladen)	1 anna	2 ..	Do
(3) On every motor car	4 annas	8 ..	Do
(4) Do Motor cycle	2 ..	4 ..	Do
(5) Do Jiriksha	2 ..	4 ..	Do
(6) Do Bicycle or tricycle	1 anna	2 ..	Do

J. V. MASCARENHAS,
Offg. Municipal Commissioner.

No. I.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 4TH JULY 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 20. | Absent ... 10.

Before proceeding with the business on the agenda, the President placed before the meeting a comparative statement of Municipal collections during 1923-24 and 1924-25, which showed a net increase of about Rs. 16,500 in 1924-25.

2. The President then informed the Council that from the 1st July 1925, the collection of gate fees and ground rent at the New General Market was being worked departmentally as resolved by the Council and that the collections of these three days were quite encouraging and justified the action of the Council in this matter.

3. The President then brought to the notice of the Council that the loading and unloading of bamboos, etc., on the Hoskote Road causes much obstruction to traffic and to pedestrians, that the Executive had already taken action in this direction and that it was necessary to strengthen their hands by a resolution of the Council on the subject and invited the opinion of the Councillors. The question was discussed from several standpoints and it was considered better that the subject was brought up at the next meeting so that the Councillors might come with considered opinions.

5. Election of members for the Managing Committee for the official year 1925-06:—

Resolution.—The following members were elected as members of the Managing Committee for 1925-26:—

1. Mr. V. A. Krishnamurthy Mudaliar, B.A., 2. Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, B.A., B.L., 3. Mr. S. N. Seetharama Rao, 4. Mr. G. Muniyappa, 5. Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa, 6. Mr. G. Siddaveerappa, 7. Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, 8. Mr. S. N. N. Razvi, and 9. Mr. B. L. Byanna.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, was then unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee

Ordinary subjects continued from the Council Meeting dated 29th June 1925.

23. Control of Primary Hindustani Boys' and Girls' Schools to vest in the Municipal Council, as recommended by the Education Committee.

Several members took part in the discussion of this subject. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Chairman of the Education Committee, explained at great length, the necessity of taking over the control of these schools by the Municipality from the Education Department. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao and some others wanted to know what arrangements would be made for conducting inspection of the Girls' Schools since the Gosha system did not easily permit of inspection of these schools. Mr. Razvi suggested the nomination of a muslim member on the Education Committee. Mr. Abdul Rahmon opposed the proposal. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, replied that the usual inspection of the girls' schools by the Urdu-Inspectress appointed by Government will continue as heretofore and that problems concerning the housing of the schools, equipments, carting arrangements, regular attendance of mistresses and girls and various other things conducive to the developments of schools will have to be attended to by the Education Committee and the Municipal Inspecting Officer without prejudice to the Gosha system. The President explained the numerous short-comings and drawbacks in the schools which have come to the notice of himself, Chairman of the Education Committee and the Inspecting Officer during their inspection rounds of the City Schools and the disadvantages to which they are now subjected to. He suggested that the election of a muslim member on the Education Committee will be kept in view in the next election and that in the meanwhile there was no objection for any muslim member to co-opt with the Education Committee. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya further stated that the question was fully considered in all its aspects by the Education Committee and proposed the following proposition which was seconded by Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao with a cogent speech. The resolution was put to vote and declared, carried by 17 against 1.

Resolution.—Resolved that the control over the Primary Hindustani Boys' and Girls' Schools vest in the Municipal Council and that necessary steps be taken to take over the control from the Education Department as early as possible.

Messrs. Abdul Rahmon and Hanumanthappa demanded a poll, which was allowed by the President.

The following voted 'For' the resolution.—1. The President, 2. Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, 3. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, 4. Mr. B. N. Vijayadeva, 5. Mr. S. Venkataranga Iyengar, 6. Mr. N. V. Kalyanpur, 7. Mr. C. Paramasiviah, 8. Mr. H. C. Chiknanjundappa, 9. Mr. S. N. N. Razvi, 10. Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, 11. Mr. V. Venkatesiah, 12. Mr. G. Muniyappa, 13. Mr. V. A. Krishnamurthy Mudaliar, 14. Mr. S. N. Seetharama Rao, 15. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, 16. Mr. C. Siddaveerappa, and 17. Mr. B. L. Byanna.

The following voted "Against" the resolution:—

1. Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon

29. Opinion of the Municipal Education Committee, dated 7th May 1925, stating that the working hours of all the Primary Schools in Bangalore City, be fixed from 7-30 A.M. to 10-30 A.M. and from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Resolution.—Resolved that all the Primary Schools under the control of the Municipal Council be held from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., with an interval of one hour and the arrangement be introduced forthwith.

33. Letter No. 1942, of 28th May 1925, from the Inspector-General of Education, requesting for the payment of Rs. 1,664 for a strip of land measuring 12 feet wide out of the land acquired by the Education Department for the Model A. H. School in Police Road, required by the Municipality for opening a lane thereon.

Resolution.—Resolved that the acquisition of the land having been made for the benefit of the Education Department at its own cost and the necessity of the lane having been felt by that department as conducive to its benefit for various reasons, the Council regret that it cannot pay the amount asked for.

No. 2.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 18TH JULY 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 22 | Absent ... 8

Before proceeding with the business of the day, the President read to the Councillors, a letter dated 17th instant, from the Honorary Secretary of the Civic and Social Progress Association, Bangalore City, enlisting the sympathy of the Councillors of the City Municipality, in the cause of maternity and child welfare in the Bangalore City and stating that the Civil and Military Station Municipality is conferring immense benefits on the people by a similar organisation and requesting the Councillors to undertake a visit, to the Municipal creche and other centres run by that Municipality at an early date.

It was then agreed that all the Councillors be kindly requested to meet at the City Vegetable Market at 8 A.M. on Friday the 24th instant and thence proceed to the Civil and Military Station.

2. A statement of collections of assessed taxes during 1924-25 was read for the information of the Councillors.

3. Proceedings of the meetings dated 29th June 1925 and 4th July 1925 were read and recorded.

4. An interpellation of Mr. B. L. Byanna regarding the acceptance of the tender of Nyathappa Reddy for the construction of zinc sheet stalls in the New Market was answered.

D4. Disposal of tenders for the construction of dwarf walls and gateways at the south-west corner of the New Market.

Resolution.—Five contractors had submitted their tenders for this work. Of these, the tender of Mr. S. Puttanna was rejected as being no tender at all since he merely quoted "20 per cent less than the lowest tender." Of the remaining four tenders, the tender of Mr. B. C. Ramiah for Rs. 2,380 being the lowest was accepted.

10. Consideration of the question of putting a stop to the loading and unloading of bamboos, etc., by the merchants on the Hoskote road with a view to avoid accidents to traffic and pedestrians on that road.

Resolution.—Read copies of letters Nos. 5172, dated 11th June 1925 and 5374, dated 30th June 1925, addressed by the Municipal Commissioner to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore District, and the latter's reply No. J. O. 1142, dated 13th July 1925, as also letter dated 19th May 1925, addressed to the Municipal Commissioner by Mr. K. V. Anantharaman, B.A., Revenue Secretary to Government. While approving of the action taken by the Municipal Commissioner in this behalf, it is resolved that the loading and unloading of bamboos and timber on the Hoskote road and on the lane connecting the Avenue road with the Hoskote road as demarcated by Municipal drains and the depositing of the abovesaid articles on the roads and drains referred to from the Avenue road and right up to the New Jutka stand as shown in blue pencil in the sketch prepared by the Special Engineer for this purpose be completely stopped immediately and that the Deputy Commissioner and the District Magistrate, Bangalore District, be requested to take such effective steps in this connection as he may deem fit and proper in order to avoid risk of accidents to property and to life and limb and to afford adequate facilities for the heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic passing through these roads.

14. Letter No. L. 809—Ml. 22-24-33, dated 13th July 1925, from the Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, requesting to obtain, at an early date, the views of the Municipal Council to raise the pay of the Office Manager, Mr. M. Govinda Rao, B.A., B.L., to Rs. 200 in consideration of his long service of 22 years and educational qualifications and to empower him to sign all papers the drafts of which have been passed by the Commissioner and to attend to such of the ordinary routine duties as may be entrusted to him by the Commissioner.

Resolution.—Resolved unanimously that the pay of the Office Manager, Mr. M. Govinda Rao, B.A., B.L., be increased to Rs. 200 a month from 1st July 1925, in consideration of his long service of 22 years and of his good work and educational qualifications. Resolved further that he will be empowered to sign all papers, the drafts of which have been passed by the Municipal Commissioner and to attend to such of the ordinary routine duties as may be entrusted to him by the Municipal Commissioner.

15. Letter dated 3rd July 1925, from Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, Municipal Councillor, proposing to move the following proposition.—

"This Council is of opinion that the recent Government Order published in the Mysore Gazette, that the Lal-Bagh in Bangalore will be closed to the public at 6 P.M. in the months of October, November and December and at 7 P.M. in other months of the year, works great hardship and practically makes the Lal-Bagh useless to the public to whom it is intended and further requests the Government to kindly restore the previous hours of closing the Lal-Bagh at 8 P.M. only."

Resolution.—While approving of the resolution unanimously, it was resolved that a reference be made to Government in this connection and that the Superintendent, Government Gardens, be also addressed on this subject.

16. Docket No. 1974, dated 20th June 1925, from the Special Engineer, City Improvement Works, Bangalore, forwarding an estimate for Rs. 6,212 for working the towers of Market Frontage departmentally as per resolution of the Council dated 23rd May 1925.

Resolution.—After a full discussion of the subject, the following proposition proposed by Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao and seconded by Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, was carried unanimously.

"Resolved that with reference to the petition dated 4th March 1925 of Mr. S. Puttanna, Contractor, a notice be issued to him to the effect that he should execute the work at the rates specified in his agreement with the Municipality in this behalf and finish the same within three months from the date of notice and in default of his communicating his approval to the same within fifteen days from the receipt of the notice, the contract would be cancelled and he would be liable for all damages that the Municipality might be put to in this behalf."

17. Municipal Commissioner's memo dated 4th July 1925, suggesting the levy of a rate of Rs. 0-0-6 as ground rent in the City Vegetable Market in the case of a few petty dealers.

Resolution.—Approved.

No. 3.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 25TH JULY 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE CHAMBER.

Present 22 | Absent 8

Before the proceedings of the day began, the President brought to the notice of the Council that Government have passed orders on the proposals of the Council in the matter of the Improvements to the Water Supply, Bangalore City, and explained salient points thereof and said that a Special Meeting of the Council would be convened very soon for the consideration of the Government Order. With the unanimous approval of the Council, the Special Meeting was fixed for Thursday the 30th July 1925, at 5 P.M.

Letter dated 25th July 1925, from Mr. S. Venkataranga Iyengar, Malleswaram Division, requesting that owing to a religious engagement he might be excused from attending this day's meeting, was read and recorded.

Continuation of the subjects on the printed Agenda for 18th July 1925.

18. Letter No. M. T. 4686, dated 4--5th June 1925, from the Superintendent, Bangalore Power and Lighting, forwarding two estimates for Rs. 412 and 816 for giving telephone connections to the residences of the Honorary President in Arcot Sreenivasachar Street and of the Municipal Commissioner in Basavanagudi, respectively.

Resolution.—The Council unanimously approve of the two estimates for Rs. 412 and Rs. 816 for giving telephone connections to the residences of the Honorary President and the Municipal Commissioner, respectively, being sanctioned.

22. Letter No. R. D. S. 49--54-24, dated 24th, June 1925, from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, suggesting the introduction of metal holders for fixing Licenses for private vehicles in the City also.

Resolution.—Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar proposed and Mr. J. R. Isaac seconded that the suggestion made by the President, Civil and Military Station Municipality, be approved and that the colors of the License to be fixed inside the holder be different from that of the Civil and Military Station Municipality for the purpose of identification. This was carried unanimously.

23. Opinion of the Managing Committee of June 1925, re printing M. A. M. and B. M. forms, etc., in the local printing press.

Resolution.—Resolved that the forms required for use in the Municipality be got printed in private press and that tenders be called for the same.

39. Government Order No. E. 7335-8--Edn. 99-24-8, dated 24th June 1925, directing that the travelling allowance bills of teachers, transferred to the Bangalore City Municipality, be countersigned by the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality, as the

countersignature of the non-official Chairman of the Municipal Education Committee will not be sufficient under Article 461 of the Mysore Service Regulation.

Resolution.—Recorded.

Proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 25th July 1925.

40. (1) Letter No. L. 3556—Ml. 76-24-30, dated 28th May 1925, from the Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, stating that the grant of a perpetual lease of a piece of land on the Mysore Road to the Mahomedan Community for holding "Namaj" twice a year and for building the 'Idga' thereon cannot be sanctioned.

Resolution.—Recorded.

(2) Also petition dated 6th July 1925, from the members of the Mahomedan Community, with its enclosures, (District Magistrate's Order) requesting that the site referred to in the above Government Order may be given to the Mahomedan Community for performing their 'Id Namaj' twice a year, as a free grant or at a nominal price of Rs. 50.

This petition was considered by the Council along with another petition received on the 17th July 1925, from some members of the Mahomedan Community urging that the grant prayed for should not be made.

Mr. Behur Srinivasiengar in a lucid and impressive speech traced the history relating to the facts which led the majority of the Mussalmans of the City of Bangalore to perform their 'Id Namaj' in a place different from the Idga in Chamarajpet for the past 14 years on a private land belonging to the late Mr. Bullappa between the Mysore Road Ookad and the City Tile Factory and referred to the orders of the Additional District Magistrate passed so long ago as 30th November 1911 in this connection and stated that after the death of Mr. Bullappa, the said land had passed into the hands of other persons, that therefore the petitioners had been driven to the necessity of finding another land for the performance of their 'Id Namaj' and that accordingly it is the bounden duty of the Municipal Council to find for the petitioners an appropriate place for the purpose. He proposed that the land shewn in the sketch and approved by the City Improvement Committee and also by this Council on the previous occasion be given to the Central Mahomedan Association on behalf of the petitioners as applied for by them as a free grant for the construction of the 'Idga' and 'Id Namaj' twice a year. He further stated that the site now chosen is at a distance of about a mile from the Chamarajpet Extension and at a longer distance from the City than the late Mr. Bullappa's land on which Namaj was being performed for the past 14 years and there could absolutely be no objection of any kind for the grant of the site in question.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao seconded the proposition and reserved his remarks.

Messrs. C. K. Hutchappa, C. N. Narasinga Rao and B. N. Vijayadeva spoke in support of the proposition and stated that as the representatives of tax-payers it was their duty to create facilities for the performance of religious ceremonies by a large section of the Muslim Community, who, as is well known, are performing 'Id Namaj' in a separate place during the last 14 years. Mr. C. K. Hutchappa further stated that in Cantonment 'Id Namaj' was being performed in half-a-dozen places and in the City itself at 5 different places.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer said that the land asked for by the petitioners was not properly defined, that its extent was not specified and that for definite information on all these points the subject may be referred to the City Improvement Committee in the first instance and the Central Mahomedan Association consulted meanwhile in the matter.

The President pointed out that a sketch specifying the exact area of land proposed to be given and showing the situation of the land had already been prepared and the City Improvement Committee had also inspected the same. That being so, the President asked Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer to state if he was opposing the motion.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer replied that he was not opposing it but on the other hand he wanted to place the resolution on a definite basis. He added that he was for making the grant and that in the name of the Central Mahomedan Association only, but he wanted, he said, its Committee's letter in the matter.

Messrs. S. N. M. Razvi and B. L. Byanna also spoke in favour of the grant of the site. The former suggested that the land might be given for a nominal price of Rs. 50. This suggestion he however soon after withdrew and stated that it was absolutely necessary, to allot a site to the petitioners and others who are performing their 'Id Namaj' separately for more than 14 years.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, who had reserved his remarks, said that the Hindus were noted for their tolerance of religious spirit among all communities, that every community was free to offer its prayers wherever it liked without infringing on the rights of others and as such, it was the paramount duty of the Council to find a suitable place for the petitioners for the performance of their 'Id Namaj' and strongly seconded the proposition for a free grant of the land applied for. The order of the District Magistrate of Bangalore passed 14 years ago, with the avowed object of preventing a likely breach of the public peace, was conclusive as to the absolute necessity for a separate site for the petitioners for offering their 'Id' prayers. It was, he said, the duty of the Council in such circumstances to offer all the facilities possible for the petitioners to offer their religious prayers peacefully in the manner

they liked best. To coerce a large community to offer prayers at a particular place was bound to lead to undesirable consequences. He said, he was for an absolute free grant for the purpose. He further said that the Municipal Executive would consult the Central Mahomedan Association and do the needful and that the consideration of this subject need not be put off on that account.

Mr. Belur Srinivasaiengar replied to some of the remarks contained in the protest petition read by Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer and said that the petitioners would be justified in raising a protest if their privileges and rights had been threatened and if there was any proposal to trespass on the Chamaraipet Idga or to remove and usurp the functions of the Imam at that Idga. How futile and malicious it was to attempt to coerce others to go to a particular place for 'Namaj' against their religious conscience. He said that although the site in question is far away from the City, still they knew with what amount of ease and peace thousands of Mussalmans marched to that site to perform their Namaj twice recently with the permission of the Municipal Commissioner. The site is a remote place, besides being rocky, and so there could be no reasonable objection to its grant.

It was then resolved as follows:—

Resolution.—"Resolved unanimously that the land behind the Muslim cemetery as shown in the sketch prepared by the Municipal Engineer and approved of by the City Improvement Committee and also by this Council on a previous occasion, be given free of cost to the Central Mahomedan Association on behalf of the Mahomedan Community for the construction of an Idga and for the performance of 'Id Namaj' twice a year, no other place being available anywhere near about for the purpose."

No. 4.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH JULY 1925.

Present 21.

Absent 9.

Subject.—Consideration of Government Order No. L. 509-512—ML. 127-23-13, dated 22nd July 1925, in the matter of the improvements to the Water Supply, Bangalore City. (Printed copies of the order were already furnished to all the Municipal Councillors.)

After reading certain portions of the Government Order and after some discussion as to its scope and application, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. Resolved that the Government's outright grant of one-third of the total estimated cost of the scheme, as set down in Para 10 (2) of their Order No. 509-512—ML. 127-23-13, dated 22nd July 1925, be gratefully accepted and the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for the same, as well as for advancing the requisite loan to the Council.

2. The following resolution proposed by Mr. Belur Srinivasaiengar and seconded by Mr. J. R. Isaac, was carried unanimously.—

"Resolved further that the Council do provide for the Sinking Fund and Interest charges on the sanctioned Water Works Loan from their current revenues, accruing due as per scheme of additional taxes to be levied and enhancement of certain existing taxes and tolls and house connection charges already specified."

3. Resolved unanimously that the Chief Engineer to the Government of Mysore be requested to make provision in the Budget for the current year (1925-26) for installing 1,000 additional metres in the City at an early date as may be practicable.

4. Resolved unanimously that the question of preparing the bye-laws required in connection with the imposition of new taxes sanctioned by Government in Para 8 of their order dated 22nd July 1925 be referred to the Bye-Law Committee, the Committee submitting the same within ten days from this date.

5. Resolved also that the Government be requested to limit for the purpose of convenient calculation, the contribution from Municipal cash revenue, to Rs. 75,000, Government being respectfully assured that this limit is demanded not with a view to save the balance of Rs. 25,000 required to make up the minimum of Rs. 1 lakh prescribed by them in para 10 (2) of their order dated 22nd July 1925, but with the sole desire of making the scheme of ways and means outlined in Annexure (a) to their Resolution a conveniently workable one.

The resolution was put to vote and carried. Voting 9 'for' and 2 'Against'.

MAHOMED ABBAS KHAN;

Honorary President.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KOLAR DISTRICT.

Notification dated 7th August 1925.

The terms of the existing constitution of the undermentioned Village Panchayats of Mulbagal Taluk are extended from 8th June 1925 to end of October 1925.

1. Kappalanadagi
2. Byrakur
3. Rajendrahalli
4. Gudipalli
5. Nangli

6. Tayalur
7. Avani
8. Agara
9. Uttanur